THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) No formal reports have been received from the Governments of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry regarding the strike in textile mills from 9-11-1985 demanding bonus in excess of minimum bonus admissible under the Bonus Act. The strike was, however, called off from 23-11-1985, following acceptance by the Mill Managements of the proposal of the Tamilnadu Labour Minister to pay in addition to statutory bonus Rs. 300 to permanent and badli workers and Rs. 200 to other workers. In the case of the NTC Mills in Tamilnadu and Pondicherry, the strike was called off following an agreement reached between the NTC Management and Trade Unions on 6-12-1985 according to which while the workmen were to be paid bonus as per the Payment of Bonus Act, a recoverable advance equivalent to 9 days' wages would be paid to eligible workers and a scheme for productivity-linked-incentives would be prepared by February 1986 which would be applicable after approval by the Government of India.

Raid at the presemiss of the Manager, Connaught Place, Delhi Branch of Punjab and Sind Bank

2938. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a raid was conducted at the premises of Shri Batra, Manager of Connaught Place, Delhi Bran, ch of the Punjab and Sind Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details of the assets and documents seized;

(c) whether any assets|documents seized from the premises/lockers of Shri Batra, who is alleged to be very close to the Chairman of the Bank. Shri A. S. Bagga, belonged to either Shri Baggal his children or any other officers of the Bank;

(d) whether Government have initiated any enquiry to ascertain the correctness of the charge that the concerned persons have filed their income-tax returns in back dates and have included the assets, etc., seized in these raids; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof and what are the details of the action taken against Shri Batra and others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some documents including a cheque for US dollar 1560 dt. 30-9-82 were seized.

(c) No, Sir. However, some transactions in the seized documents appear to pertain to Shri A.S. Bagga and his family.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and will be furnished.

Government Deposits and Receipts

2939. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rule that Government deposits and receipts will only be operated with the State Bank of India; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to relax the rules so that the deposits and receipts can also be operated through all the nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

Loan to medium and mall scale industries in Pondicherry

2940. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Finance Corporation and other commercial banks have advanced loan to many medium scale and small scale industries in Pondicherry;

(b) what is the totalturn over of the Pondicherry Industrial Development and Investment Corporation commencing between the period 1980—85;

(c) how many small scale and medium scale industries have been closed during the above period after availing loan facility from PIPDIC;

(d) whether the PIPDIC has recovered the loan amount from these industries and what is the amount outstanding at present; and

(e) whether any action has been taken against the officials concerned for corruption and favouritism in sanctioning the loans.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As on the 30th June 1985, Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) sanctioned total financial assistance of Rs. 9.70 crores to 9 industrial projects in the medium/large scale sectors, in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. As at the end of December, 1984, total advances (provisional) of scheduled commercial banks to SSI units in the Union Territory of Pondicherry amounted ot Rs. 823.40 lakhs against 2173 accounts.

(b) to (e) Since inception in 1974-75 till 1984-85, Pondicherry Industrial Promotion Development and Investment Corporation (PIPDIC) has advanced loans to 20 medium scale industries and 1235 small scale industries including transport, artisan, cottage and village industries, etc. The total turnover of PIPDIC in terms of disbursements of term loans from the year 1980-81 to 1984-85 is as follows:—

Year	Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakhs)
1980-81	120.71
1981-82	153.84
1982-83	350.76
1983-84	415.25
1984-85	638.52

One medium scale unit and 97 small scale units including rural artisan and cottage industry units have been closed during the period 1980-85. Till the end of March, 1985, PIPDIC has recovered Rs. 587.11 lakhs and its total outstandings as at the end of March, 1985 stood at PIPDIC, loans are sanctioned according to established norms and procedures and no case of corruption or favouritism has been detected.

Availability of lignite deposits at Ponneri near Tirruch

2941. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tht in the recent past the Geological Survey of India has conducted some exploratory work to find out availability of lignite deposits of Ponneri near Tiruchi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir Geological Survey of India is presently carrying out regional exploration for lignite in Ponneri area near Jayamkondan-Chelapuram area in Tiruchirapally. The work is still in preliminary stage and for the field season 1985-86, GSI has a proposal for drilling of two boreholes in the area.

Occupancy rate of Hotels Run by ITDC

2942. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Five Star, Four Star, Three Star or lower type of accommodation in the hotels run by the India Tourism Development Corporation at present, category-wise; and

(b) what is average occupancy rate, category-wise?